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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 2 Percent in August

HARRISBURG, PA, Sept 29, 2011 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during August 2011 totaled 109.0 million pounds, up 2 percent from August 2010, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 98.9 million pounds live weight, was down 1 percent from August 2010. Total head slaughtered was 86,400, up 3700 head from last year. Live weight averaged 1,158 pounds per head, down 61 pounds from last year. Veal production was 4.1 million pounds live weight, down 6 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 9,600 head was down 700 head from last year. Average live weight increased 1 pound per head to 426 pounds.

Pork production was 63.3 million pounds live weight, up 4 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 249,100, up 108,000 head from August 2010. Average live weight decreased 1 pound per head from last year to 254 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during August 2011 was 449,000 pounds live weight, up 13 percent from a year ago. The number slaughtered was 4,500, up 500 head from last year. Average live weight increased 1 pound per head to 100 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in August 2011 totaled 4.30 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the 4.13 billion pounds produced in August 2010. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.39 billion pounds, was up 4 percent. Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, up 1 percent from August a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.89 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was up 2 percent from August 2010.

January-August 2011 red meat production was 32.3 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

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